BEFORE THE FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

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Notice of Proposed Rulemaking)	
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46 CFR Part 531)	
) RIN :	3072-AC30
Non-Vessel-Operating Common Carrier)	
Service Arrangements)	
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Motion of the U.S. Department of Justice for Leave to File an Otherwise Unauthorized Document

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The United States Department of Justice hereby requests leave to submit the enclosed comments on the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking after the expiration of the otherwise applicable deadline. The Department submits that the public interest will be served if the Commission has an opportunity to review its comments, and that this late submission will not prejudice any person with an interest in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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